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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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8 A device for holding open the pages of a book comprises a transparent band with two endpieces attached to the distal ends of the band. The endpieces' weight holds the band downward across the book. The device acts as a strap that lies over an open book. The device holds open the pages of a book in a simple fashion.

PAGE WEIGHT

The present invention relates to a device for holding open the pages of a book. The device holds open the pages simply by the weight of the device.

Various types of devices for holding open the pages of a book exist. One type comprises a complex multiple of elements which allows the device to hold a book open on an inclined plane. This type of stand device has many disadvantages. The device must be operated on a completely flat, stable surface. The situations in which the device can be used is therefore limited. This type of device uses a clasp or holding piece to hold open the pages of the book. It is undesirable to be required to unfasten or remove the book from the device in order to merely
10 turn the page. This causes undue complication in such a repetitive procedure as turning the page. The stand devices are large and clumsy. These stands are not very portable. These devices have another disadvantage. They can only be used on a limited size of books. The device cannot accommodate thick, many paged books or large spined books. This is because the clasp or holding piece is limited in size. This type of device is also undesirable in a situation where the user wishes to underline or write in the book being held open. It is undesirable because it is held upright. Not having a substantial base behind the book makes it awkward to write in it.

There are other types of devices to hold open the pages of a book. One
20 device uses a clamping glass shield that can be shut over the open book. This type of device is not very portable.

It is desirable to have a device to hold open the pages of a book, which is made of only a few elements, is adaptable to large books, and can be used in an uncomplicated, simple fashion. The present invention relates to a device for holding open the pages of a book in a more simple manner.

The present invention consists of a device for holding open the pages of a

book comprising a transparent band, and two endpieces attached to the distal ends of the band so that the band is held downward by the weight of the endpieces. The endpieces may be one or more metal weights that are fastened to the distal ends of the band. However, the endpieces may be made of other materials having suitable properties. The transparent band is preferably a resiliently flexible plastic material.

In a further embodiment of the invention, the transparent band has straight edges, which enable an individual to use the band in order to underline.

The present invention provides a simple method to hold open the pages of a book, while allowing one the freedom of one's hands. Various other advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent from the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawing forming part thereof and in which:

Figure 1 is a side view of the page holding device embodying the present invention.

Figure 2 is a top view of the page holding device shown in figure 1.

Referring to the drawings, the embodiment of the invention shown, a page holding device 10 comprises a transparent band 12. As may be seen in figure 1, two endpieces 14, 16 are attached to the distal ends of the transparent band 12.

The weight of the two endpieces pull the transparent band downward, thereby holding down the pages which lay under the band.

The transparent band of the present invention is preferably made of a resiliently flexible plastic material. However, the band may be made of other materials having suitable properties. An example is glass.

A significant feature of the present invention is its simplicity in design and operation. The device allows for an uncomplicated procedure in turning

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the pages. To hold open the pages, the operator lays the device across the open book. To turn the page the operator is required only to lift one end of the device and turn the page. The simplicity of it's design allows for ease in portability.

Inasmuch as various changes may be made in the relative arrangement and location of the parts without departing from the scope of the present invention, it is not meant to limit the invention except by the scope of the appended claims.

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR
PRIVELEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS: 2069292

1. A device for holding open the pages of a book comprising a transparent band, and two endpieces attached to the distal ends of the band so that the band is held downward by the weight of the endpieces.
2. A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transparent band is a resiliently flexible, plastic material.
3. A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the band has straight edges to enable an individual to use the band to underline.

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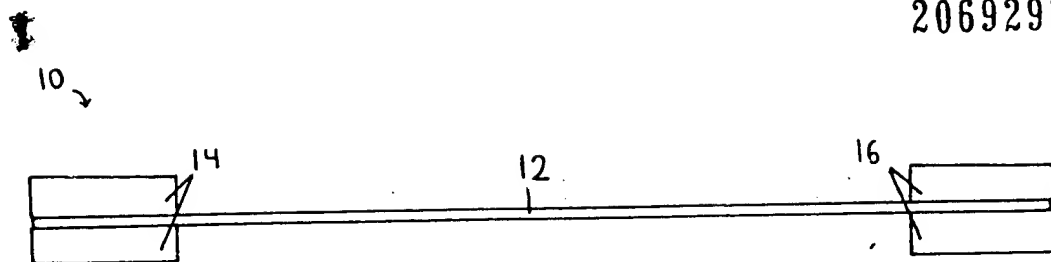


FIG. 1

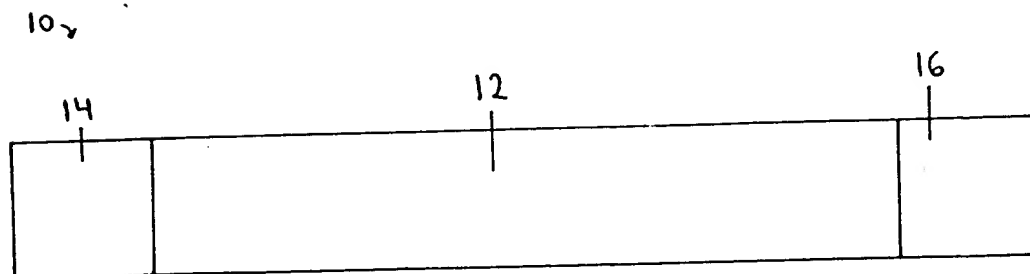


FIG. 2

Handwritten signature or mark.